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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office action dated April 14, 2003, applicant hereby elects the invention of Group VII, being claims 24 and 25. Although the Detailed Action describes that Group VII are drawn to a functional chitosan derivative and a health-care material comprising at least one functional group, only Claim 24 (functional chitosan derivative per se) is described as Group VII. The health-care material is recited in Claim 25, and Claim 25 is originally dependent on Claim 24. Therefore, the applicant wishes to elect Claims 24 and 25 as Group VII.

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Respectfully submitted,

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